I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Christine Hellyer, and she announced the meeting is being recorded.

II. **Approval of Minutes**
April 9, 2021, and June 4, 2021

**Motion:** M.I. /M.P.

**Staff Report- Christine Hellyer**
MAPS is currently operating their buses at 100% capacity since mid-July.
We hired an additional full-time driver, and another will start in September.
We were received approval to change one full-time driver position to two-part time positions, CDL’s are required.

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*The TNC (Transportation Network Companies) grant for on demand shared ridership contract was awarded to Trans Options. We will work with a provider (Trans Options) who will then work with a transportation network company (Uber/Lyft). I am hopeful before the end of 2021 we will provide the first trips. This is a pilot program with limited funding of $40,000, $20,000 pilot contract from NJ Transit and Morris County’s match of $20,000.*

*✓ These rides are ambulatory.*

*✓ Trans Options will be the scheduler and arrange the pick-up and drop-off of passenger, using ride share companies. Uber/Lyft or taxi service will supply the service. The service area is*

*✓ They are also responsible for booking the ride, contacting the passenger, and communicating transportation details: time of pick-up, location, etc.*

*✓ MAPS will provide Trans Options with clients and their request, and that they can use their service.*

*✓ Trans Options will be responsible to pay the ride-share company monthly and Morris County will reimburse them including the administrative fee.*

*MAPS drivers will continue to transport wheelchair accessible riders and move the others to this program.*
Marcy asked why would clients use Trans Options instead of MAPS?
Christine: Trans Options will expand our services. They offer evening and week-end service. And during our peak busy time when we are fully booked, they can assist and provide on demand rides.
Is there a start date for Trans Options?
No, the contract has not been finalized.

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I will also send out a survey monkey asking if you would prefer in person, or virtual meeting for November 5, 2021. And this is small committee, and we don’t tend to have the public attend. The large conference allows us to social distance.
I am piloting a hybrid meeting for our Advisory Council meeting next week.
The hybrid will consist of one laptop on screen on wall, and one that I will talk to.

NJ TRANSIT
Isabel Rojas is on vacation, and I will request her to send us the NJ Transit report and include it with November’s meeting invitation.

CHTP (Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan).
We are currently in discussion with Rutgers to complete this on behalf of Morris County. We have additional funding to support moving forward with plan. Rutgers did submit a plan to us, and hopefully it will begin in October. The dial-a rides will be contacted to obtain input from your riders and the CAC members.

✓ 2008 plan was completed
✓ 2013 plan was updated
✓ 2018 plan was due. We decided because I just became Director, we did do small update, but we decided to do a complete overhaul. A big reason was because of many changes since 2008:
  • technology and players have changed
  • the way the County looks
  • change in Census

✓ Chat question: Is there a date scheduled for the transportation meeting?
✓ No, the contract has not been finalized.
✓ Because of technical problems someone thanked Christine for the TNC pilot program, because it is going to a huge asset, especially to persons with special needs, because of the flexibility of their service.
Christine replied although it was an inkling in her mind it was a group effort.

Maria asked in the future if the TNC pilot is successful it might be an expensive program. What ideas do you have for more funding? And will the County be matching dollars again?
Christine: This pilot program has already been operating in Essex and Sussex County.
We are hopeful that NJ Transit will continue to fund if other Counties have success.
I do have additional funding for 2022 and 2023 to match.
There are ways of moving funding around with other grants.
✓ Diane asked if they (TNC) are limited to those that don’t need wheelchair lifts?
✓ Yes, currently ambulatory only currently. I hope to expand using Life Ride they do on demand wheelchair accessibility service.
✓ Maria are the types of rides limited.
We didn’t get there yet. I want to prioritize what MAPS can’t provide: weekends, evenings, and medical appointments and specialists out of County. We will refer to Atlantic Private Care first.

Adjournment: 10:28am
Motion: M.I./M.P.
Next meeting: November 5, 2021